Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission Recognizes Business, Civic Organizations

The Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission on Tuesday, March 7th, presented certificates of official recognition to local business and civic organizations for their successful completion of Bicentennial Projects.

In the top photo, seated left, to right, are Bob Jamerson, Mrs. Barbara Williams and Mrs. Hazel Lee Martin, and standing, far left, Anthony Johnson, and on the far right, Mr. R. B. Carter, members of the Bicentennial Commission. On the back row, second from left, is Mrs. Patty Booker, President of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club, who accepted the certificate on behalf of her club for their successful completion of the project - co-sponsor of Railroad Festival; Robert Dyess, member of the Appomattox FFA Chapter, accepted the certificate presented the FFA for completion of their project - float for the Railroad Festival; and fourth from left, Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, editor and publisher of the Times-Virginian, received recognition for publishing the Bicentennial Calendar.

In the center photo, seated are Mr. Bob Jamerson and Mrs. Hazel Martin, members of the Bicentennial Commission; and standing, Mrs. Ethel Evans, left, and Mrs. Katie Martin, third from left, accepted the certificate on behalf of the Appomattox County Council Extension Homemakers for their project - Quilt Show, June 11 and 12, 1976; second from the left, Mrs. Dixie Staten of the Wreck Island Homemakers Club accepted the certificate for her club for project - 40th Anniversary of Charter Club; and fourth and fifth from left, Mrs. Shelby Tucker and Mrs. Wilda Zimmerman of the County Line Homemakers Club accepted the certificate for their club for the project - Bicentennial Quilt.

In the bottom photo, Mrs. Barbara Williams and Anthony Johnson, members of the Bicentennial Commission, are shown seated and standing, left, to right, Rev. James Williams, Appomattox Ministerial Society, accepted the certificate for the project - July 4, 1976 - "Fabric of Freedom" Presentation; Mrs. Brenda Drinkard of the Appomattox Young Homemakers accepted the certificate for her organization for their project - Float in the Railroad Festival; Mrs. Harriette Cunningham, President of the UDC, accepted the certificate for her organization for their project - Float in the Railroad Festival; and Mrs. Ruby Moses and Miss Edith O'Brien of the Appomattox Garden Club accepted the certificate for their club's projec t- Holiday House Festival.

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT METHODISTS HELD MEETING

Lynchburg District United Methodist Ministers and United Methodist Women held their monthly meeting on March 14th at Mt. Comfort Church.

The organized unit of United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Their next meeting is scheduled for March 23.

"WILDLIFE NEEDS YOU"

"Wildlife Needs You" is the theme of 1978 Wildlife Week March 19-25. Robert Redford, popular actor and environmentalist, will serve as national chairman.

"Indeed, wildlife needs everybody," says Dr. Franklin Flint of the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District, (S&WCD). "Since 1969, America's Environmental Quality Index for wildlife has continued to decline. The Index covers forests, soil, living space, wildlife, minerals, air, and water," he said. Dr. Flint, a profesor of biology at Randolph Macon Woman's College, states that in 1966 there were 78 endangered American animals facing extinction. By August 1977, this list had grown to 177, not counting eight species of whales off our shores.

The truth of the theme "Wildlife Needs You" is evident when we consider the control people have over the environment. Wildlife needs legislators who understand conservation and environmental issues. It needs students and teachers who want to further the wildlife cause through school channels. It needs researchers who study ways to improve wildlife habitat. In brief, wildlife needs you: the butcher, baker, candlestick maker, doctor, lawyer, Indian Chief - it needs the concern of every citizen.

"The key to improving wildlife habitat lies with each landowner," says Dr. Flint. He continues, "Wildlife conservation should be included in every conservation plan prepared in our district." The USDA Soil Conservation Service, (SCS), assist the Robert E. Lee S&WCD in developing conservation plans with the district's cooperators. These plans often include wildlife plantings, wildlife ponds, and preserving or improving areas of natural wildlife habitat.

Local youth organizations also participate in wildlife conservation. Some of these are: Appomattox 4-H Clubs have a wildlife feed patch contest sponsored by the Oakville Ruritan Club. They are also promoting bluebird nouses.

Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter sponsors a wildlife feed patch contest, a game laws contest and constructs nesting boxes for birds and ducks.

Appomattox Jr. FFA is making bluebird houses.

The Virginia Division of Forestry has four plant species available for wildlife planting. These are Autumn Olive, Bicolor lespedeza, bristly locust and persimmon.

Annual seed mixtures for wildlife plantings will be made available by the Virginia Commission of Game & inland Fisheries. This seed will be distributed through the Robert E. Lee S&WCD at the local SCS office.

Informational bulletins, such as "Invite Birds To Your Home," "Autumn Olive for Wildlife," "Conservation Practices For Good Hunting & Fishing," etc., are available at the local SCS office. The Robert E. Lee SWCD has copies of the national wildlife week slide show that are available for youth groups.

MR. AND MRS. THEODORE R. KESTNER

Couple Celebrates Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Kestner were honored with a Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration given by their children, Mrs. Clarise Mays, Mrs. Evelyn Chernault, Mrs. Faye Bugg, and Mrs. Frances Guill, on Sunday, March 19, at their home in Appomattox, Va. They were married March 17, 1928 in Appomattox.

Many friends and relatives enjoyed helping them celebrate the happy occasion.

SPRING, EASTER NEARLY COINCIDE

MARCH 10 - The beginning of spring and observance of Easter - events determined by the earth's relationship to the earth's relationship to the sun and moon - will fall within six days of each other this year.

Spring will begin at 6:34 p.m. March 20 when the sun arrives at the vernal equinox, directly above the earth's equator, Dr. Paul H. Knappenberger, Jr., director of the Science Museum of Virginia, said. Only twice each year, he explained, on the first day of spring and the first day of autumn (usually Sept. 21), does the sun rise due east and set due west.

Easter, this year on March 26, is determined by the relationship of the earth, sun, and moon, which means it can come as early as March 22 or as late as April 25. The early church at Alexandria, following the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D., formulated the rule which prevails today: Easter is the first Sunday after the 14th day of the moon (nearly full moon) which occurs on or immediately after the vernal equinox.

According to a Museum computer printout, which shows Easter dates from the year 500 A.D. through 3000 A.D., the last time it fell on March 26 was 1967 and the next will be 1989. Incidentally, Easter was April 4, 500, and for those who plan ahead it will be April 13, 3000.

FRENCHMAN RETURNS TO APPOMATTOX FOR VISIT - Andre Posquie of Paris, France is spending several days in the county visiting Mr. and Mrs. Horace Coleman of Route 1, Pamplin. Andre is shown in above photo with his host, Mr. Coleman.

Andre, a native of Toulouse, South of France, was in Appomattox County as an exchange student sponsored by the Appomattox Lions Club in August of 1975 for six weeks and visited with the local club at that time.

Since 1973, Andre has received his degree in Political Science and Law in Paris in 1977 and has been in Washington, D.C. for two months at Georgetown University studying English language in preparation for a career in International Law.

He plans to take an examination to enter National School of Public Administration, a famous school in France, to become qualified for work as head of one of 95 Departments of Government, either national or international.

He has been keeping in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Coleman through the years and is enjoying seeing people he met when in Appomattox five years ago.

Andre was the first of three exchange students sponsored by the local Lions Club.

Swine Shipped Interstate Need ID's

Beginning March 23, swine over six months old that are shipped out of Virginia for slaughter will have to have identifying tattoos or tags.

State Vetrinarian Dr. George B. Estes of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce reports that this new regulation from USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will help trace the origin of interstate swine found to have brucellosis when slaughtered.

Swine sold interstate for slaughter must carry an APHIS-approved tattoo applied to the back. Dr. Estes indicated that APHIS give each state the option to request the use of an approved identification tag in lieu of the tattoo.

Another federal regulation governing the shipment of swine out-of-state requires that breeder hogs over six months old have a negative brucellosis test within 30 days of shipment across state lines. Dr. Estes points out that this regulation does not require a brucellosis blood test for swine shipped from a certified brucellosis-free herd or area.

Brucellosis is a contagious livestock disease that spreads through the movement of breeding animals. Uncontrolled, it can produce temendous losses.

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Some say lightning will not strike elm trees.

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ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

Set-Aside and Grain Reserve Programs Are to the Farmers Advantage - Under the new farm law, the set-aside program and the grain reserve program can and will work to the farmer's advantage. If farmers use the feed grain and wheat set-aside programs and participate in the grain reserve, they can reduce the 1978 grain crop and remove at least one billion bushels of grain from the marketplace.

If enough farmers participate in these programs, farm prices will go up. The programs are voluntary; no one is forced to participate, but farmers should understand that if they decide not to participate in the set-aside program, they will not be eligible for price support loans; they will not be eligible for deficiency payments if any are made and they will not be eligible for low-yield disaster protection. I think its also important to mention that farmers who may still be undecided about planting a set-aside crop (wheat, corn, barley, grain sorghum) in 1978 should sign up in the set-aside program anyway. There is no penalty if set-aside participants decide not to plant a set-aside crop; but by signing, there is an assurance of program benefits.

The ASCS office has begun accepting applications for the set-aside programs and will continue to accept applications through May 1, 1978. As of now, there is no participation in the grain reserve program.

Both the set-aside program and the grain reserve program work hand-in-hand. Without a cut-back in production, the supply of grain will continue to depress the market even with the reserve. Without a reserve, acreage reductions alone cannot quickly reduce the supply available to the market and relieve the low prices.

I ask that farmers in the county give serious consideration to both the set-aside program and the grain reserve program.If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the ASCS Office.

Pre-Measurement Service - I would like to remind farmers in the County that measurement service is available again this year. This service is provided by ASCS to farmers who wish to have certain acreages measured and staked for individual crops. In the past this service has been used mostly by tobacco producers, but as I mentioned, it is available for all crops. A nominal fee will be charged to the farmer for measurement service.

ROCKS

March 20 - Robins are on hand now. So they can let us know that spring can't be far behind. Saturday was a beautiful day as well as on Sunday.

Mr. Leslie Scruggs was rushed to Southside Hospital last Monday. A speedy recovery is wished him.

The Prayer Time Circle had their meeting on Tuesday with Helen Inge.

A number from Rocks attended the studies in Exodus at Liberty last week. You missed a lot if you didn't take part in it.

Glad Ryland Routt got a good report from the doctor on last Monday.

The acteens had their mission study class at Evergreen on Thursday night.

Paul Martin entered Lynchburg General Hospital on Saturday returned home in the afternoon.

A number from here attended the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harvey on Sunday afternoon at Evergreen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Layton and son Jimmie of Lynchburg were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Roach.

The Young Hearts Club will meet at Red Oak Church on Thursday, March 23rd.

Mary Ann Lewis entered the hospital on Thursday returning home on Sunday.

Paul Martin is back home from the hospital. Returned Saturday afternoon.

Good Friday service will be held on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

The revival at Rocks Church will begin March 26 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Alton Griffin of Calvary Baptist Church, Lynchburg will be our evangelist. The services will continue through Wednesday night.

Zandra Elder is still suffering with her back. She will go back to the doctor on Tuesday.

The youth did a wonderful job on Sunday. The special music was great. The second Rocks Quartet rendered special music at the service Sunday night wich was composed of Ken Caldwell, Mike Richardson, Susan Morris and Patty Roach. Jimmy Lakes had charge of the sermon or sermonette. He did a wonderful job. The service closed with several rededications and one joined our church family by letter.

The Home Missions Bold Goal was met $514.00.

All men meet down at Old Rocks Friday a.m. to clean up.

ELON BAPTIST YOUTH PLAN CAR WASH

The Elon Baptist Church Youth will have a car wash Saturday, March 25th from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Farmers National Bank, Triangle Plaza Branch.

You are asked to support this youth project.

PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	.44
This Month	2.28
This Year	8.62

ACHS GRADUATE RECEIVES CADET RANK IN US AIR FORCE

COLUMBIA, S.C. - William H. Shorter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Shorter, Sr., of Rt. 2, Appomattox, Va., has been promoted to the cadet rank of airman in the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) detachment at the University of South Carolina.

Cadet Shorter was selected on the basis of academic achievement, outstanding leadership ability and potential as an Air Force officer. He is majoring in mechanical engineering.

Upon graduation and completion of AFROTC requirements, the cadet will be eligible for a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

The cadet is a 1977 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

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Stella Osborne

Stella Osborne has been notified that she is a 1978 Merit Award Winner in the Creative Arts Competition for EVENT magazine.

This is a Christian Youth publication sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, with the competition in the United States and many foreign countries. The manuscript will be published in the November 1978 issue of EVENT.

She is a member of New Hope Baptist Church and a student at Robert E. lee Academy. Stella is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessee Osborne of Appomattox.

RED OAK BAPTIST CHURCH WMU MEETING

The WMU of Red Oak Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Geneva Childers on Thursday, March 16, at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Irene Hughes presented a most interesting program which was part of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

The theme for the week was SHARE. Mrs. Hughes told how lay persons were sharing by serving with missionaries in Baptist Centers, Houston, Texas; how a mailman started a Southern Baptist Church in Connecticut; shared the testimony of a missionary in Philadephia, Pa. about how God had answered her prayers; about a minister and his family taking their vacation and paying their own expenses and going to a church in Colorado and leading a revival and Vacation Bible School. Other members of the group told about lay persons helping in churches in Kansas. Mrs. Hughes challenged the group to give of themselves to the work of missions.

After the meeting Mrs. Childers served a most delicious dinner. A time of fellowship followed the meal.

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Two Students Represented the DECA Club

Two Appomattox County High School students represented the Appomattox County chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America, at the annual State Leadership Conference for Distributive Education, held at Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, Va. on March 10-12.

The two students, Linwood Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Elliott, Rt. 2, Appomattox and Tony Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Martin, Rt. 4, Appomattox, along with their chapter advisor, Mrs. Lorraine Burgess, arrived in Roanoke at 3 p.m. on Friday to begin the conference. Linwood, an employee of Webb's Tire Co., was a contestant in the General Merchandise event, where he was tested in such areas as Mathematics, Display and Communications. Tony, an employee of King's Market, was a voting delegate to the conference and he attended meeting regarding the Distributive Education program for the coming school year.

Linwood and Tony both worked very hard all week end long to fulfill the duties and responsibilities bestowed upon them by the ACHS Distributive Education Clubs of America chapter. Two hundred and eight other schools, besides ACHS, were represented at the conference, making a total of 800 participants, including students, advisors and special guests. The large number in attendance allowed Tony and Linwood the opportunity to meet and get to know students from all different backgrounds.

Although there was a lot of work to be done over the week end there was also time for some social activities. Two breakfast banquets were held, as well as, a dinner buffet held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Roanoke, on Saturday evening. Following the banquet an awards ceremony was held, at Cave Spring High School (in Roanoke), featuring Mr. Kevin Reynolds, former member of the New Virginians singing group and Mr. Bob Dixon, of WFIR Radio (Roanoke), who were masters of ceremonies. The evening was capped off with a dance at the Hotel Roanoke, with music by Night Train, a Blacksburg, Virginia band.

The conference came to a close Sunday with the election of state officers for 1978-79. The conference was both exciting and tiring but, none the less enjoyed by all!!!

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Easter Services At Red Oak Announced

There will be special services held at Red Oak Baptist Church in Oakville on Easter Sunday.

Services will begin with a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. followed by the morning worship service at 10:55.

The Red Oak Choir will present an Easter Cantata at the worship service. The pastor, Rev. C. E. Hughes, and the congregation extend a cordial welcome to the public to attend these services.

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